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For the Year Ending 31st December, 1949.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my **Twenty-ninth Annual Report**, being for the year 1949.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Cancer	4	1
Intraerainal	0	1
Heart Disease	8	5
Circulatory System	0	2
Pneumonia	0	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	0
Nephritis	0	1
Other causes	1	4
	—	—
Total from all causes	14	15=29

		Total Male Female			
Live Births	Legitimate	32	15	17	
	Illegitimate	3	1	2	
	Total	35	16	19	
Stillbirths	....	1	1	0	Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated mid-1948 population 16.0
Deaths	....	29	14	15	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 28
					Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population 13.2
					Adjusted Death-rate 9.5

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	....	Nil
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	....	Nil
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	....	Nil

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :

	Deaths	Death-rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal and post abortive sepsis	0	Nil
Other maternal causes	0	Nil
Total maternal mortality	0	Nil

Death-rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	....	Nil
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live births	....	Nil
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 live births	....	Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) : 5.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) : Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) : Nil.

Population 2193	Live Birth Rate	Per 1,000 of Crude Death Rate	of Estimated Population. Death rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death rate from Cancer	Maternal Mortality Rate Per 1,000 live Births	Rate of Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births
Mean of 5 years						
1944-1948	16.1	15.1	0.19	2.31	Nil	12
1948	16.7	14.4	Nil	1.35	Nil	Nil
1949	16.0	13.2	0.46	2.28	Nil	Nil

Increase or decrease in 1949 on 5 years' average

1944-1948	—0.1	—1.9	+0.27	—0.03	Nil	—12
Previous year	—0.7	—1.2	+0.46	+0.93	Nil	Nil

1949 Adjusted Death-rate (comparable factor 0.72) = 9.5 per 1,000.

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area, 3,277 acres ; Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 2,193 ; No. of inhabited houses, 725 ; Rateable Value, £13,567 ; Sum represented by a penny rate, £57.

HEALTH SERVICES

Previous to the operating of the National Health Service, the following facilities were available :—

Accommodation for Smallpox : Moss Side Hospital, Singleton, Fylde, Preston, and Garstang Joint Board.

Accommodation for Infectious Diseases : Infectious Diseases Hospital, Blackpool.

Accommodation for Children's cases : Preston Royal Infirmary (usually).

Accommodation for Maternity cases : Preston or Blackpool Maternity Hospital.

Infectious disease cases going to hospital were taken by the hospital's Motor Ambulance. Ambulances for accident and non-infectious cases were supplied by arrangement with Thornton Cleveleys U.D.C.

The Over Wyre Nursing Association employed a nurse in the district for home nursing.

CHILD WELFARE

A Centre, under the management of the County Council, assisted by volunteer local lady helpers is held at the Parochial Hall, Lancaster Road, at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. Clinics for Antenatal, Orthopaedic and Artificial Light treatments are held at the Fleetwood Hospital.

OFFICERS

Your Health Officers are S. A. Nield Faulkner, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., etc., who is Medical Officer of Health as a part-time officer, and Sydney H. Senior, C.R.S.I., etc., Sanitary Inspector, who is also part-time jointly with his appointment as your surveyor. The salaries of these officers are met as to one half by contribution from the County Council.

Officers of the County Council carry out the routine inspection of cattle for tuberculosis, and inspections under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Veterinary inspectors can be called in at the request of the M.O.H. The sampling of milk for School Children and inspections under the Shops Act, 1912-1934, are done by your Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

All but 9 houses in your area have water from the Fylde Water Board. Of the 721 houses in the district, 98 are not connected to the sewerage system by reason of distance from a sewer.

Closet Accommodation : 769 Water Closets, 1 Waste Water Closet, 38 Pail Closets, 22 Privy Closets.

15 houses await conversion. A further 47 would be convertible upon extension of sewers, and provision of a pumping station. Sewage Works facilities are required for the Park Lane sewerage district.

Refuse Collection : Collection is by hired motor vehicle ; Collection from pails and privies by tank on vehicle. Collection made from 674 bins, 17 ash-pits, 38 pail closets and 22 privies. Collection is not made from 43 houses distant from populous centres.

Refuse Disposal : Refuse is tipped on low-lying land distant from inhabited areas, and covered with soil when available. Liquid refuse and pail contents are spread on arable fields by permission of farmers.

SANITARY INSPECTION

Our Inspector reports the making of inspections to 360 premises, the discovery of 112 defects and the abating or remedying of all of them. One statutory notice was issued.

Shops Acts : The shops in the district were found satisfactory as regards sanitary conveniences, temperature, ventilation and comfort of assistants where employed. The Inns and Restaurants were visited and were seen to be clean and well conducted.

Fish Fryers : The two premises are clean and in very good order.

Schools : Both schools are satisfactory as to premises and conveniences and Water supply.

Factories : There are 22 premises registered under the Factory Act, 1937, including a Salt Works Power House, Corn Mill, Bakeries, Garages, Joiner's shops, and a Printer's works. Notices were served in respect of Sanitary Conveniences in 2 cases.

House Drains : Notices were sent in respect of 30 blocked drains and these had attention by Council's Staff on payment by the owners.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.: Premises of this description are not continuously occupied. 8 sites are licensed for stationing van-dwellings and tents for the Summer season only. Byelaws have been adopted for the control of moveable dwellings. Lavatory accommodation is provided, and Fylde water is laid on to each site. The sites are well conducted and are kept very clean and tidy. Consideration is being given to one further camping site. During the Summer period the population living in the district is increased by 25% by persons living in the camps.

HOUSING

4 new houses were erected by private enterprise.

Inspection was made of 79 houses and defects were found at each of these. All were rendered fit on informal notice.

A classification of houses in your area shews that 74 are large houses, 3 are inns, 40 are farmsteads, 31 are houses and Shops, 364 are small modern houses, 180 are good older houses, 14 poor type but habitable, and 18 are under orders for demolition.

There has not been any case of overcrowding during the year.

Work has commenced on 16 new Council houses, some of which will be shortly finished. Consideration has been given to a further 9 houses.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the year the responsibility for Cowsheds has been taken over by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The Council are still responsible for the Inspection of Dairies not situate on Farms. These now number two.

There are 49 farms in your area. The bulk of local retailing is done by five farmers. The main production is taken by collecting lorries to depots outside the district. One farm has been improved during the year to T.T. Certified standard.

Pigs slaughtered for home consumption only under licence from the Food Controller were inspected.

Attention was given to Inspection of Meat in the Butchers' shops. 107lbs. of Beef was surrendered due to decomposition due to inefficiently cooled meat.

There are no slaughterhouses in your district. There are four bakehouses, which are satisfactorily conducted.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There was an epidemic of measles during the early part of the year, mostly of a mild nature and of children younger than School age and those under 10 years.

The notifications were :—Measles, 115 ; Whooping Cough, 8 ; Erysipelas, 1 ; and Acute Poliomyelitis, 1.

The case of Acute Poliomyelitis was a child holidaying in the area, and he was removed to hospital.

Tuberculosis :—There were not any new cases notified during the year. One death occurred of a respiratory case.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. A. NIELD-FAULKNER.

